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1. AN ANALYSIS OF THE CARTER CABINET IS THE SUBJECT OF A DETAILED BACKGROUND ARTICLE APPEARING IN GDR DAILY BERLINER ZEITUNG (BZ) FEBRUARY 10. WRITTEN BY BZ JOURNALIST MANFRED QUIRING, THE ARTICLE CHARACTERIZES THE CABINET AS COMPOSED LARGELY OF "KNOWN FACES" AS A RESULT OF COMPROMISES
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AMONG DIFFERENT GROUPS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. QUIRING ARGUES THAT THE "EASTERN ESTABLISHMENT" HAS GAINED INFLUENCE UNDER CARTER. HE NOTES THAT MANY OF THOSE NOW ENTERING THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION, WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS DEDICATED TO DEEPENING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US, JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE WHILE

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PRESERVING THE US'S LEADERSHIP ROLE.

2. QUIRING GIVES A BASICALLY POSITIVE ACCOUNT OF ALL NEW CABINET MEMBERS SAVE SCHLESINGER, WHOM HE DESCRIBES AS AN ENEMY OF DETENTE WHO WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE INFLUENCE ON US FOREIGN AND STRATEGIC POLICY. QUIRING NOTES WITH SATISFACTION, HOWEVER, THAT IN CONTRAST TO SCLESINGER, OTHER CABINET MEMBERS SUCH AS VANCE AND BROWN HAVE ADOPTED POSITIONS OF "GREATER REALISM" IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE INCLUDES BREZINSKI IN THIS GROUP AS WELL AND POINTS OUT THAT HIS RECENT COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAVE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT. QUIRING REPORTS THAT WARNKE AND CLIFFORD ARE ALSO SPOKEN OF AS HAVING TRANSFORMED THEMSELVES "FROM HAWKS TO DOVES".

3. QUIRING ALSO MENTIONS THAT CARTER IS LIVING UP TO HIS PROMISE TO "MORALIZE" POLITICAL LIFE, BUT OFFERS AN EXAMPLE ONLY FROM THE DOMESTIC SIDE: THE "HONOR CODE" FOR MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AIMED AT AVOIDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROBLEMS.

4. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE CONTINUES THE BASICALLY POSITIVE TONE TOWARD THE NEW ADMINSITRATION NOTICEABLE IN THE GDR PRESS IN RECENT WEEKS. PARTICULARLY HIGHLIGHTED IN GDR COVERAGE ARE RECENT ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS ON SALT, BUT NO MENTION IS MADE OF US STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF SOVIET AND CZECH TREATMENT OF
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DISSIDENTS. A SHORT FEBRUARY 10 ITEM IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ON THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE PROVIDES A CASE IN POINT. THE ARTICLE FOCUSES ALMOST SOLELY ON THE DECLARED COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR DISARMANMENT AND HIS REMARK THAT SOVIET/US SUCCESS IN STIPPING THE GROWTH OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND LIMITING THEIR NUMBERS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO URGE OTHER NATIONS TO JOIN IN THE PROCESS. POLANSKY

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